

FIJI TEA ESTATE

Scientist Guppy Writes an Interesting Letter.

HE MAKES APPEAL TO HAWAII

Natives of the South are Dying Out—A Colony Twenty-Five Years Old—War Comment.

MR. EDITOR:—I am at present stopping at the Wainunu Tea Estate in Vanua Levu and this gives me an opportunity of referring to the tea industry of Fiji. The cultivation of tea in this British colony has been hampered by very serious difficulties which in the case of one estate proved insurmountable, and it was in consequence closed. The other surviving estate lies at Wainunu, and it has long been going through troubled waters. The obstacles, however, are not connected with the growth of the plant, which thrives wonderfully well, nor with the quality of the tea, since the testimony in its favor is abundant. They are concerned with the difficulty and cost of procuring labor, and with the limited market which the colony offers for the lucrative disposal of its own teas. The white population of Fiji has not increased since the islands were annexed nearly a quarter of a century ago, and its consumption of tea would in itself barely keep the local industry above water. Secure in their supplies of Indian and Ceylon teas, the Australian merchants have not facilitated the sale of the Fijian article; and thus tea cultivation has been for years leading a struggling existence in this colony. Had it not been for the pluck and enterprise displayed by Captain Robble of Levuka, and by Mr. G. Barratt, the manager of the estate, the undertaking would have been abandoned long ago. Hawaii, as I apprehend, is now a part of the Great Republic. I wonder whether in the moment of her triumph, she would extend a hand to this struggling little group, by making Fijian teas more widely known not only amongst her own people but also in America.

I have been spending much time in the mountains geologizing and botanizing. Most of the interior of this island is in its primeval condition, almost all the natives living at the coast. Travel is accordingly beset with many difficulties, and it is more difficult to climb the mountains, which are not over 4,000 feet high than it is to accomplish the ascent of Mauna Loa. One is always being scorched up or baked through. A dozen times in the day one has to wade or swim across swollen rivers, and the wretched bush-paths are often nearly obliterated on account of the dying out of the people. Apart, however, from such matters it is interesting to note that the unfortunate Fijian is in many ways being assisted in the path downward to extinction. There are signs, however, that the Governor is quite prepared to act in some decisive way when the opportunity offers. He is hampered by a native policy not of his own creation, a policy which after a duration of nearly a quarter of a century is resulting in the extinction of the aborigines and in the decrease of the white population. The system of harnessing white men and natives together in the local government of the islands is I am glad to hear about to break down. Many of the most important ordinances directed to preserving the aboriginal race have long been practically in abeyance. The white magistrate is terribly handicapped by the relatively independent position which the Roko or Governor of his province occupies. He can only suggest things to him, but the Roko merely promises and there everything ends.

The war of course in the absorbing topic down here; and in common with other Englishmen I cannot help thinking that England will benefit by the success of American arms almost as much as the citizens of the United States. The use of might on the side of right has not been of too frequent occurrence in the world's history—I mean the exercise of might without the ulterior object of self-aggrandizement. It would be a grand thing if America could give the world an altruistic lesson and introduce a new ethical code for the nations. The absorption of the Philippines would I venture to think rather spoil the object lesson. To convert the heathens to Christianity and their lands to his own uses has been too often John Bull's method of procedure. I have employed here the language of a recent critic of England and her colonies. Let us hope that the United States of America will inaugurate another policy altogether.

H. B. GUPPY, M. B.

Wainunu, Vanua Levu, Fiji, July 12, 1898.

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA CURED.

This is to certify that I have had chronic diarrhoea ever since the war. I got so weak I could hardly walk or do anything. One bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me sound and well.

J. R. GIBBS, Fincastle, Va.

I had chronic diarrhoea for twelve years. Three bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me.

S. L. SHAVER, Fincastle, Va.

Both Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Shaver are prominent farmers and reside near Fincastle, Va. They procured the remedy from Mr. W. E. Casper, a druggist of that place, who is well acquainted with them and will vouch for the truth of their statements. For sale by all druggists and dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for H. I.

Rapid Transit Manager.

C. G. Ballentyne has been elected by the directors manager of the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company. Mr. Ballentyne has taken the lead in the plan of supplying rapid transit for the city and was the choice of all interested for the post to which he has been assigned. He has been successful as manager for the Hawaiian Gazette Company and for some time at least will continue with the printing and publishing business in which he is interested.

For the Queen.

In a recently published book is the following anecdote about the British Queen:

A Presbyterian minister who was called on at short notice to officiate at the parish-church of Crathie in the presence of the Queen, and, transported by this tremendous experience, burst forth in rhetorical supplication: "Grant that as she grows to be an old woman she may be made a new man; and that in all righteous causes she may go forth before her people like a he-goat on the mountains."

GEN. ALGER TALKS

Secretary of War on Mustering Out of Troops.

Many Volunteers Would Like to Remain in Service—Positions—Patriotism of Employers.

NEW YORK, August 24.—Secretary of War Alger is in New York on his way from Washington to Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, L. I.

When asked about the mustering out of the troops he said:

"That is a very difficult matter and has been delayed to give us a chance to make the best move."

"All of the volunteers who have seen service either at Santiago or at Manila with few exceptions, will be mustered out. Many of the volunteers want to remain in the service and for days I have been besieged with letters, petitions and personal appeals by the friends of such regiments to keep them in the service."

"Of course, a large army is necessary and will be kept up. Nevertheless we feel that there are many who made a pecuniary sacrifice to get to the front and now that they are not wanted we want to give them back to their families and business. I do not know just when the official order of muster out will be given, but I think it will be given within a week."

"What will the Government do for the many volunteers who may find it impossible to go their old positions back?" was asked.

"That is another proposition. I trust there will not be many such cases, as I trust the patriotism of the employers is great enough to preclude such a possibility. But the Government can do nothing in case the men are refused their old positions. The Government is not conducting an employment bureau."

TO BE MUSTERED OUT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 24.—There are to be mustered out of active service soon twenty-eight batteries of artillery, nine regiments of cavalry and 62 regiments of infantry.

These infantry regiments recruited up to the full strength number 80,000 men; the cavalry about 11,000, and the artillery about 5,000. The total number reached 96,000.

A BLACKSMITH'S STORY.

He Became so Run Down That Work Was Almost Impossible—His Whole Body Racked With Pain.

From the Bridgewater Enterprise.

Mr. Austin Fancy is a well known blacksmith living at Baker Settlement, a hamlet about ten miles from Bridgewater, N. S. Mr. Fancy is well known in the locality in which he lives. He is another of the legion whose restoration to health adds to the popularity of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. Fancy related his story of illness and renewed health to a reporter of the Enterprise as follows:—"During the last winter, owing I suppose to overwork and impure blood, I became very much reduced in flesh, and had severe pains in the muscles all over my body. I felt tired all the time, had no appetite, and often felt so low spirited that I wished myself in another world. Some of the time, necessity compelled me to undertake a little work in my blacksmith shop, but I was not fit for it, and after doing the job, would have to lie down; indeed I often felt like fainting. I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after using a couple of boxes, I felt a decided relief. The pains began to abate, and I felt again as though life was not all dreariness. By the time I had used six boxes I was as well as ever, and able to do a hard day's work at the forge without fatigue and those who know anything about a blacksmith's work, will know what this means. Those who are not well, will make no mistake in looking for health through the medium of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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CUBANS BAD LOT

Rob the Camps of Their Friends the Americans.

Patriots Causing No End of Trouble in Cuba—Spanish Still Fight. A Spanish Protest.

THIEVING PATRIOTS.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Aug. 23.—On the breaking up of General Wheeler's camp on Caney road on Friday, tents and general equipment of division quarters were left in charge of the quartermaster's department. During the night Cubans stealthily confiscated all tents, stores and personal effects of the soldiers. There is no clue to the robbers.

On Saturday General Lawton ordered the ammunition and arms to be brought into town, but it was too late. Everything was gone. General Kent's brigade, stationed three miles from Santiago, also lost their tents, and the soldiers marched into town barefooted—shoes and everything portable have been stolen. The Cubans are equipping themselves with arms, tents and provisions of the Americans. They are continually stalking about the camps, and constant vigilance is necessary.

CUBAN TROOPS.

NEW YORK, August 24.—A dispatch to The Herald from Madrid says:

"There is a growing feeling of irritation which has been discussed fully in Ministerial circles at the failure of the insurgents to respect the protocol and the order for the cessation of hostilities. An important political personage said:

"If matters are continued thus, Spain repatriation of Cuban troops unless the United States could give a guarantee that Spanish interests will be safeguarded from the piratical inclination of the insurgents is out of the question."

"The matter is at such a point, that, if the insurgents continue hostilities the Government, according to the most important Ministerialists, will give orders to the Spanish troops to take the offensive against those insurgents who do not respect the protocol."

H. S. Rubens, Consul for the Cuban delegation, said it was possible that small bands of Cubans were still fighting in the interior. There are no telephone or telegraph wires running over the island and he thought it possible some of the bands were not aware of the cessation of hostilities.

DENIED OFFICIALLY.

MADRID, August 24.—The Government definitely denies sending an order to Blanco to resume hostilities against the insurgents.

REPORT OF ANOTHER BATTLE.

LONDON, August 24.—According to a dispatch from Madrid to a local news agency there has been serious fighting between the Spanish and insurgents in Cuba, in which the insurgents lost 500 killed and wounded. The report cannot be confirmed from other sources.

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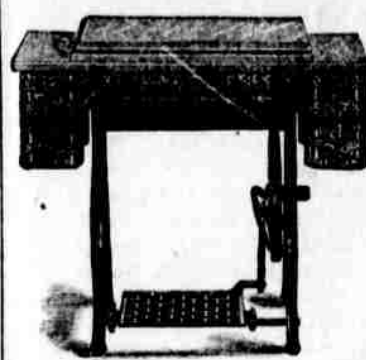
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